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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

1. Rejections

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly anticipated by Japanese Patent Publication No. JP-A-7-280484 ("JP-'484). Applicants respectfully disagree.

2. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-6 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by JP-'484. "A claim is anticipated if and only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." MPEP 2131. The Office Action alleges that JP-'484 describes each and every element as set forth in claims 1-6. The Office Action also alleges that Applicants' perspective of JP-'484 (and Applicants' Fig. 13 which corresponds to JP-'484) is inconsistent with Applicants' Fig. 5. Applicants respectfully disagree.